

arguments concerning the foregoing. Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549. Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Section, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All submissions should refer to the File No. SR-PCX-97-34 and should be submitted by September 24, 1997.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.¹

Margaret H. McFarland,
Deputy Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Declaration of Disaster #2979]

State of Ohio

Hocking County and the contiguous Counties of Athens, Fairfield, Perry, Pickaway, Ross, and Vinton in the State of Ohio constitute a disaster area as a result of damages caused by severe thunderstorms and flash flooding which occurred August 16 through 18, 1997. Applications for loans for physical damages may be filed until the close of business on October 24, 1997 and for economic injury until the close of business on May 26, 1998 at the address listed below or other locally announced locations: U.S. Small Business Administration, Disaster Area 2 Office, One Baltimore Place, Suite 300, Atlanta, GA 30308.

The interest rates are:
For Physical Damage:

HOMEOWNERS WITH CREDIT
AVAILABLE ELSEWHERE—
8.000%

HOMEOWNERS WITHOUT CREDIT
AVAILABLE ELSEWHERE—
4.000%

BUSINESSES WITH CREDIT
AVAILABLE ELSEWHERE—
8.000%

BUSINESSES AND NON-PROFIT
ORGANIZATIONS WITHOUT
CREDIT AVAILABLE
ELSEWHERE—4.000%

OTHERS (INCLUDING NON-PROFIT
ORGANIZATIONS) WITH CREDIT
AVAILABLE ELSEWHERE—
7.250%

For Economic Injury:

BUSINESSES AND SMALL
AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVES
WITHOUT CREDIT AVAILABLE
ELSEWHERE—4.000%

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 297906 and for economic injury the number is 958100.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008.)

Dated: August 25, 1997.

John T. Spotila,

Acting Administrator.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Declaration of Disaster #2962]

State of Texas; Amendment #2

In accordance with a notice from the Federal Emergency Management Agency dated August 21, 1997, the above-numbered Declaration is hereby amended to include Goliad County, Texas as a disaster area due to damages caused by severe thunderstorms and flooding beginning on June 21, 1997 and continuing through July 15, 1997.

In addition, applications for economic injury loans from small businesses located in the following contiguous counties in the State of Texas may be filed until the specified date at the previously designated location: Bee, DeWitt, Karnes, Refugio, and Victoria.

All other information remains the same, i.e., the deadline for filing applications for physical damage is September 5, 1997 and for economic injury the termination date is April 7, 1998.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008.)

Dated: August 22, 1997.

James E. Rivera,

Acting Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Information Technology Agreement; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

Trade Policy Staff Committee; Public Comments for Multilateral Negotiations in the World Trade Organization (WTO) on Review and Expansion of the Information Technology Agreement (ITA) or "ITA II" and Global Economic Commerce (GEC).

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC) is requesting written public comments with respect to the implementation and expansion of the Information Technology Agreement, in particular: (1) Discrepancies between current tariff nomenclature and emerging technology which may affect the expected market access benefits to the United States of the ITA; (2) additional information technology products which it would be in the interests of the United States to include in the ITA; (3) expansion of the ITA to ensure a tariff-free environment for information products and services transmitted via the Internet; (4) non-tariff barriers affecting trade in ITA products; and (5) possible acceleration of ITA duty reductions previously agreed. Comments received will be considered by the Executive Branch in formulating U.S. positions and objectives for further development of the ITA, in particular the procedures for consultations and review of product coverage provided for by participants to the ITA on March 26, 1997. They will be also be considered by the Executive Branch in developing U.S. positions and objectives for implementing the President's "Framework for Global Electronic Commerce" of July 1, 1997.

DATES: Public comments are due by noon, September 30, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20508.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Ellis, Office of WTO and Multilateral Affairs, USTR, (202-395-6843); Barbara Chatten, Director for Tariff Negotiations, USTR, (202-395-5097); or Matt Rohde, Director for Customs Affairs, USTR, (202-395-3063).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Chairman of the TPSC invites written comments from the public on issues to be addressed in the course of

¹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).